

Obituaries

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Burntwood, Ore., Rebecca Smith, of Cave Junction, Geri Smith, of Yearington, and Sandy Smith, of Eureka, Calif.; and eight grandchildren. Mr. Biggs was preceded in death by a brother, Jesse Lavine.

Illinois Valley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Grace Nina Emch

Kerby resident Grace Nina Emch, 85, died at home Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, and a memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. at Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under direction of Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial donations to Lovejoy Hospice.

Mrs. Emch was born Nov. 18, 1919 in Calispel, Mont. She moved to Illinois Valley in 2003 from Williams, Calif.

She was known as a Christian, and for loving her family. She enjoyed farming and gardening.

Mrs. Emch is survived by three daughters, Delores Weaver, of Kerby, Sylvia Carlson, of Strathmore, Calif., and Barbara Dimmick, of Corning, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A daughter, Darlene Riley, preceded her in death.

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Clubs & Groups

American Legion Auxiliary, Glenn Morrison Unit 70

Applications are being accepted for the 2005 Oregon Girls State session that will be held from June 12 to 18 at Willamette University in Salem.

The program, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, provides an opportunity for high school juniors to learn the inner workings of the U.S. form of government. The program includes the political processes, law-making, citizenship and patriotism.

Basic criteria for acceptance include being a current member of a high school junior class, or the equivalent if home-schooled. Also, participants should have an interest in government and a desire to develop leadership skills and confidence while



O'Brien resident Jessa Fairbanks ran well at an invitational meet in Hawaii. (Photos provided)



Athletic 'Jessa' gets Hawaiian gold

Showing her definite flair for athletics, Illinois Valley High School senior Jessa Fairbanks brought home a gold medal from an invitational track meet in Hawaii.

Jessa, 17, daughter of O'Brien residents Glenn and Gayla Sparks, ran a 48.27 in the 300-meter hurdles in Rainbow Stadium at the University of Hawaii.

The Olympic-style track meet is an annual event sponsored by Tournay

Sports. More than 250 athletes attended from all 50 U.S. states and three other countries.

Invitations for the Jan. 2 event were made based on how athletes finished in their individual state meets. Jessa last year placed fourth at the state high school meet in the 300M hurdles event; making her one of the top three returning athletes.

Although home-schooled, Jessa also takes classes at I.V. High, where

she is a straight-A student. She has earned varsity letters in track, soccer and volleyball.

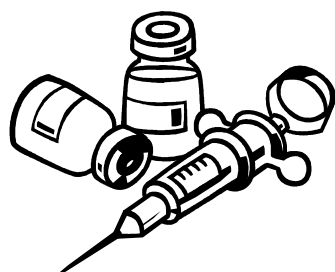
She has received honorable mentions in the Skyline Conference, and was recognized with the Most Valuable Player award in soccer.

For the invitational event, she received financial assistance from many friends and family.

Jessa plans to continue her athletic pursuits at the collegiate level in the fall.

Children's immunizations in CJ Feb. 3

-- which this year is Feb. 16 -- a school does not have on file either a record of immunization with at least one dose of each required vaccine, or a religious or medical exemption for a child, the child will be excluded



from attending school.

At the end of January, the health department sends an "Exclusion Order" to parents and children who have not complied with the law. The order prohibits the child from attending school until the school receives the immunization record or exemption form.

"Make sure your child is up-to-date on their immunizations or you have a religious or medical exemption

on file," said the health department.

"Don't wait until you receive an exclusion order to act," it added. "Your child's health and education is important. Contact your child's school if you are not sure they have your child's records."

All immunizations required to comply with state regulations for school-age children will be provided at the Feb. 3 immunization clinic in Cave Junction. Tetanus and pneumonia vaccines also will be available for adults.

Those with questions on what immunizations they or their child need can phone the health department at (541) 474 5325.

Immunizations also are available at the health department at 715 N.W. Dimmick St. in the city of Grants Pass on Mondays through Fridays between 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Sports Challenge

1. What abrasive talk-show host was once general manager of the New Orleans Buccaneers of the American Basketball Association?
2. What retired boxer's daughter, Mei Mei, recorded the rap single, "Satisfaction?"
3. What TV fishing host was called "the Jack Nicklaus of fishing?"
4. What U.S. tennis star wore stonewashed shorts during matches?
5. What rotund football player sang: "They call me rookie - I may be young, but I'm not dumb cookie?"
6. Which DiMaggio brother did Paul Molitor pass during his 1987 consecutive game streak?
7. How many light towers shine on Wrigley Field?

Answers: 1. Morton Downey Jr.; 2. Muhammad Ali's; 3. Bill Dance; 4. Andre Agassi; 5. William Perry; 6. Dom; 7. Six; 8. "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

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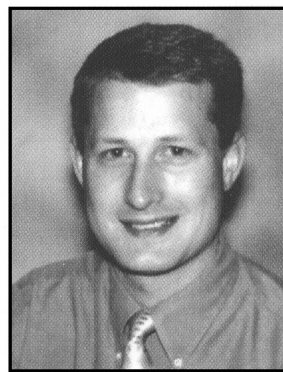
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and
Where: Lorna Byrne by the gym
When: Saturday, Feb. 5
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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